



# Iluka Public School Newsletter 25

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## Principal's Message

### P & C MEETING

**Thursday 13 August @ 7pm Staff Room**

**All Welcome**

#### Wednesday 12 August

**Year 6 transition day  
MHS**

**Years 3, 4, 5, 6, Cascade  
and Canberra Excursion  
Information Evening  
from 5.30pm @ IPS  
school library**

#### Thursday 13 August

**Preschool transition day**

**P & C Meeting @ 7pm**

**Kinder HSIE Projects  
Due**

#### Friday 14 August

**Kinder/Year 1 excursion  
to Macadamia Castle**

**NRPSSA Athletics  
Carnival @ Lismore**

#### Friday 21 August

**Open Day and Book Fair**

**Whole School Assembly  
@ 12pm (please note  
earlier time)**

#### Wednesday 26 August

**Book Week @ town  
library**

**Small Schools Big  
Impact concert @  
Saratton Theatre Grafton**

Dear Parents/Carers

Well I must say, it's great to be back at school after two days at the Principal's Conference in Coffs Harbour. Many thanks to all IPS staff during my absence for ensuring business continued as usual. When I introduce myself to other Principals, they all comment how lucky I am to be at Iluka and I tell them of the many wonderful students we do have at our school.

### The Canberra and Cascade Environmental Excursion Information Night

Wednesday 12 August at 5.30—6.30pm in the school library.

Planning is well underway for the Year 3 and Year 4, 5, and 6 major excursions. To answer any questions and to view aspects of the excursion, an information night is being held. Light refreshments and finger food will be provided for the parents and carers attending.

### Canteen Co-Ordinator

I would like to acknowledge Kelly Clarke for stepping up to the canteen co-ordinator role and extend my sincere gratitude to her for taking on this role. This means that our canteen can remain open, providing a valuable service to our students. Kelly will be creating a roster of canteen volunteers for Term 4 so if you are interested in helping, please contact the school. We wish Kelly the best of luck in her new role and are confident her skills and enthusiasm will be an asset to our school.

### Westpac Rescue Helicopter

Iluka Public School has a policy of only supporting organisations that support the needs of our local community. With that in mind, the Westpac Helicopter Service is holding their annual Chopper Day this Thursday 13 August to raise essential funds to keep this lifesaving service running. Although this is a very busy time for us all here at IPS, we are going to support this important cause.

This Thursday, we ask all students from Kinder to Year 6 to bring along any loose change (or a gold coin) to outline the shape of a helicopter. Students may also wear their red uniform or a yellow shirt.

Also, a reminder that entries for the colouring in competition are due Friday 28 August.



#### Canteen Duty

**Monday 17 August**

**Kylie, Gladys, Josie,  
Jennifer**

## Small School, Big Impact Concert

Only 17 sleeps to go until our dance team present their item at the Small School Big Impact Concert at the Saraton Theatre in Grafton. All students involved are training hard at lunchtimes on Monday and Thursday with Mandy.

## Sports Report

Good luck to a number of students who have progressed into the Northern Rivers Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival in Lismore. We wish them well.

**URGENT: A NUMBER OF STUDENTS REQUIRE TRANSPORT . IF YOU CAN ASSIST PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL**

Congratulations to our netball team who played South Grafton in Round 5 of the PSSA state knockout. Our students played extremely well, with the final score 15-13. Our thanks to Mrs Cunningham for coaching the team. Our team will now be playing in the 6<sup>th</sup> round in the Hunter later this term. This is a fantastic achievement by our team to progress so far into the competition.

## Going Home Messages for Students

Just a reminder if you have a message or change of plans in the way your child is going home, please advise the school as early as possible in the day to allow all messages to get to the appropriate people.



## Home Reading Parent Tips

Some parents may find this website helpful when helping your child with reading:

<http://splash.abc.net.au/newsandarticles/blog/-/b/39931/reading-with-the-family>

## Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016

If you have a child attending Kindergarten in 2016, please contact the office on 66 466 149 to register them for our fantastic Kindergarten Orientation Program. Our next pre-schoolers visit is on Thursday 13 August from 10-11 am.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Sam (and Jesse) on the birth of their son, Mason and also to Tanya (and Dwayne) on the birth of their daughter Eliza.

Have a great week

*Phil Bradmore*

## Kinder Class News

**Spelling Words:** Revision of previous word lists.

**Westpac Life Saving Rescue Helicopter Appeal:** This Thursday 13th August, students may wear red or yellow to show their support for the wonderful life saving service provided by the Westpac rescue helicopter. To raise funds to keep our helicopter rescue service operating, several outlines of helicopters will be on display on Thursday morning and students may donate gold coins and/or loose change to the fill in the helicopters. All donations are greatly appreciated. Colouring competitions need to be returned by Friday 28th August.

## Kindergarten Transition

**Program-** The Pre-school students and teachers will be coming to 'big school' again this Thursday 13th August, at 10:00am, for their second visit this term. After some class activities, the students will stay and have recess with us, before returning to Pre-school.

**Excursion:** Our excursion to the Macadamia Castle Animal Park is this

Friday 14th August. Students are to wear their **sports uniform, school sun safe hat and enclosed shoes**. We will be leaving Iluka Public School at **9:00am** and returning before **3:00pm**. Students are to bring a **jumper, food and drink** for recess and lunch, as well as **sunscreen**. Please ensure that your child's **green permission note** and money (\$25) has been returned before Friday. **No spending money** is needed, as there will not be time to purchase any food, drinks or gifts at the shop.

## Reminders:

\*Shelter models due this Thursday 13th August.

Lynne



## 1/2 Class News

Thank you Miss Anderson for taking the Year 1/2 class yesterday while I attended professional learning in Grafton.

**Library** - Just a reminder that library is on Thursday this week. I will also be checking home-readers during this time. Next week the usual routine of library and checking home reading journals on Monday will resume.

**Macadamia Castle** - Kinder and Year 1 will be attending their annual excursion this Friday. We will be visiting Macadamia Castle. The bus will be leaving at 9am and will return by 3pm for the afternoon school bus run. Students will need to wear their sport uniform including their wide brimmed hat. They will need to bring along plenty of food and water. Students will not need money as their will be no time available for purchasing food, drink or gifts.



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Have a great week.

Kristy

## **2/3 Class News**

Hello everybody and welcome to Week 5.

Year 2 homework went home yesterday which consisted of the new spelling list and rule as well as various times table worksheets. Please ensure that your child writes their words out every night. This will assist them in the upcoming spelling test. **THIS WEEK-** We are revising the 7 times tables this week. In writing we are finishing off our focus on descriptions. We will begin working on another text type next week.

Singing with Ryan is on again on Wednesday afternoon. Practise is well underway for our concert items. The students now know the words to both songs and we are busy working on perfecting our performance. All of the students are thoroughly enjoying the learning experiences involved in the 'Day and Night' unit in Science. We will be continuing work on this unit on Wednesday. Homework and home reading journals are both due on Friday. Library is on Thursday. I was very impressed with the number of students who remembered their library bags and books last week. Lets keep up this effort this week!

Don't forget about the excursion information session being held on Wednesday evening in the school library. If you have any questions or concerns this meeting would be beneficial to you. Have a great week. Stacey

## **3/4 Class News**

**Go Iluka!** Congratulations netball girls on a fantastic win over South Grafton. It was a well-deserved win. You showed great team spirit and demonstrated "a never give up"

attitude. I am very proud of all of you. You have represented the school fantastically, leading with great sportsmanship and pride.

### **Westpac Life Saving Rescue**

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Students are asked to make a gold coin donation.

### **Canberra/Cascade Excursion:**

meeting is from 5:30pm-6:30pm tomorrow evening in the library with Mr Melrose.

**Athletics:** Zone Athletics carnival this Friday at Lismore. Please make sure you have returned the permission note.

**Library:** Library is tomorrow, Wednesday, for this week only. It shall return to Fridays next week.

**Touch football:** Mr Peterson will be taking our class out on Tuesday mornings for skill development.

## **4/5 Class News**

### **Morning /Afternoon all!**

Congratulations to the netball girls on a great win over South Grafton. They displayed sportsmanship and skill. Well done!

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Students are asked to make a gold coin donation.

### **Canberra/Cascade Excursion Information Night:**

This Wednesday evening between 5.30pm - 6.30pm in the School Library. Refreshments will be served. Parents and students invited. We hope to answer any questions you may have about this years major excursions.

**Homework:** Please ensure every effort is made to complete and return to school as required.

**Athletics:** Zone Athletics Carnival this Friday at Lismore. Please make sure you have returned the permission note.

**HSIE:** All primary grades are working on **Government in Australia**. They are learning about the three tiers of government and their responsibilities.

Have a great week. John



## **5/6 Class News**

**Thank you** Mrs Haupt for taking the class while on long service leave. It's nice to be back and working with the children again.

**Year 6 Transition:** is tomorrow. Same routines please; early lunch, \$4 bus money and permission note by tomorrow.

**Netball:** congratulations to the girls and Mrs Cunningham. What a brilliant game. I was on the edge of my seat. Very exciting.

**Athletics:** this Friday. Please return permission notes.

Canberra meeting: is tomorrow evening. Thank you Mr Melrose for sharing the information with parents.

Feels like Spring is just around the corner. Di



## Library / Technology News

Last weeks visit to the writers festival in Maclean was a great experience for all that attended. I feel the students that went really enjoyed listening and interacting with Jacqueline Harvey and Jackie French. Jacqueline Harvey had some very funny stories to tell the kids and they are got a great laugh from her. All students that went were well behaved and were fantastic representatives of our school. Still on library news, Book Club should be arriving this week and as soon as it comes in I will hand out all of the students orders to them straight away as many of them are very excited to receive their orders.



**App of the week:** Run Marco is a free app that introduces students to coding. Students play an epic adventure game and have fun while learning to code i.e. program computers. They game uses visual instructions to guide Marco through a series of levels as he tries to discover himself. In this journey students will learn how to think as a professional developer one step at a time!

## P&C Excursion Raffle

Thank you to all of those families who have returned raffle tickets. Just a reminder the raffle will be drawn on **Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of August** so get those tickets in quick. Tickets are \$1 each and the prizes are either a GIANT 10kg block of Cadbury chocolate valued at \$200 or a children's bike valued at \$100. All proceeds go towards the transportation cost for our Canberra Excursion. Any unsold tickets should also be returned to school. Thanks and GOOD LUCK!!

## Northern Rivers Zone Athletics Carnival

The NRZ Athletics Carnival will be held in Lismore this Friday. We are sending a team of approximately 21 students. I am waiting on many permission notes and \$5 entry fees. Please return these notes as soon as possible for signing by both Mr Bradmore and Mrs Gardner. **If students are unable to attend or if anyone has a spare seat in their car, please notify Mrs Gardner as soon as possible. A number of students are looking for transport on the day.** Good luck to all of the students involved.

### Canteen Roster

MONDAY 17 AUGUST	Kylie Kerr, Gladys Hunt, Josie Lloyd, Jen Brittain	Year 1/2 to donate home made goodies
MONDAY 24 AUGUST	Gladys Hunt, Bec Dunn, Nicole Kelso	Year 2/3 to donate home made goodies
MONDAY 31 AUGUST	Kylie Kerr, Dom Horne, Kelly Clarke, Jasmin Everson	Year 3/4 to donate home made goodies

### Iluka Boardriders Fundraiser – Disco/Date Night

Thursday 3 September 6-8 pm Ages 5-16

Iluka Community Hall

\$5 per child includes a drink and a treat

Marracas and Laneway Café have special menus' for this night and are donating \$5 from each person back to the club – bookings are essential.

Thank you to Mandy Pashen for volunteering to control the music. Any special requests or enquiries, please contact Mulan @ Siberia or Sonia @ Iluka Bait and Tackle.

### Iluka Cricket Club

My child \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in playing cricket this year for Iluka Cricket Club.

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# Parenting*ideas*

## Do you let your kids amaze you? By Michael Grose

*"I'm amazed at what children CAN do when given the opportunity and encouragement. I love the pride, confidence and sense of purpose/ pleasure in contributing, each new skill achieved brings. The smiles are awesome too."*

A mother left this comment on our Facebook page recently in response to our post: *"What would be the impact if you did less, not more for your children?"*

Lovely answer!

It got me thinking that the joy that this mother took from watching her children develop independence was no accident. Her parenting style played a large role in her children's independence. All power to her and her parenting style! I've long believed that **adults are the gatekeepers for children's independence**.

We open the gate to independence when we give children opportunities to develop **self-help skills** (*carry their own schoolbags, get themselves up in the morning, tidy their own rooms*); provide them with **real responsibility** (*feeding pets, setting the meal table and preparing meals*) and give them **autonomy** to make some of their own decisions (*choosing clothes within limits, following own interests, making choices about pocket-money spending*).

We close the independence gate when we **do too much** for children (*tidy their toys away, pack their schoolbags, make simple snacks*); **rescue** them from learning opportunities (*take forgotten lunches to school, sort out their friendship problems, pay their library fines*) and **neglect** to build scaffolds to independence (*such as help them make their bed, walk half way to school, teach them to ride public transport*).

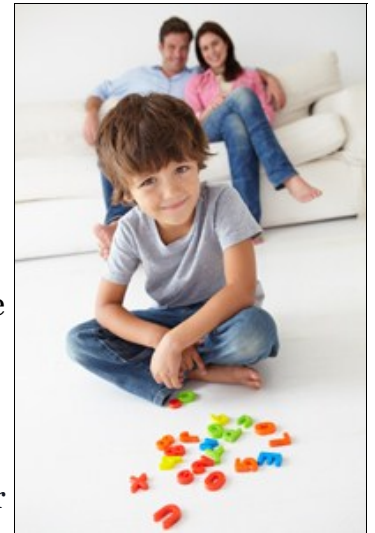
It's a quirk of parenting that many children think they are older than they are, and parents think their children are younger than they are. We underestimate children's abilities to the detriment of their development.

### Are you an opener or closer of the gate to children's independence?

Think of independence as a continuum with opening the gate and closing the gate at either end. If your parenting is more at the closing end then look for ways to move down the continuum towards independence building. My advice is to make small adaptations to your parenting. For instance, start with a child making their own snacks before moving to helping you to prepare a meal. But first you need to develop a mindset for independence building. That means, be on the lookout for opportunities for children to do things for themselves.

As many readers will know I firmly believe that the job of parents is to make ourselves **redundant** from the earliest possible age of a child's life. That means, that our interactions with kids have an endgame in mind – we want our kids to be able to stand on their own two feet **physically** (*Don't we get a kick out of them walking for the first time!*), **emotionally** (*with support, of course*) and to **navigate their world** without being reliant on others.

There is no better feeling as a parent than watching your child beam with joy and pride when they've mastered a new skill, overcome a challenge or conquered a fear. It's those times that make parenting so worthwhile. Those awesome smiles won't happen by accident. They require a parenting style that gives kids a chance to be independent; that encourages them to be brave and offers them the safety net of emotional support when life throws them curve balls. Why not try it? Give your kids a chance to amaze you.







## ILUKA PRESCHOOL INC.

is participating in

**Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015**

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**Iluka Public School's foyer**

**OR**

**our mailbox at Iluka Preschool.**

**Thanks for your support.**

**The MORE that you READ,  
The MORE things you will KNOW.  
The MORE that you LEARN,  
The more PLACES you'll GO.  
-Dr. Seuss**



### **Junior Golf Clinics with PGA Professional**

Golf lessons on Monday afternoons. 5-7 years 3.30-4.30pm, 8 years + from 4.30-5.30pm. **Meet at the Iluka Golf Club, afternoon tea is provided** cost is \$5. Includes all equipment (if needed). For more information please call Mark 0429 199 849.

### **Year 3, 4, 5, 6 Cascade and Canberra Excursion Information Session Wednesday 12 August**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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I will be attending the Parent Information Session being held on Wednesday 12 August from 5.30pm in the school library.

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I will not be attending the meeting but my child will still be attending the Cascade or Canberra Excursion

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My child will not be attending the Cascade or Canberra excursion